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BIRTH.—On 6th January, at N. 22 Robinson Road, the wife of H. Teller, son, of a daughter. [183]

MARRIAGE.—On 6th January, at the Union Church, by the Rev. C. H. Higgin, Hon. Captain ALFRED SIMY, to ELLA YOUNG, youngest daughter of the Rev. JAMES YOUNG, of Belfast, Ireland. [184]

**The Daily Press.**  
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CL.  
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HONGKONG, JANUARY 7TH, 1905.

The attitude which Russia has adopted with regard to international law on occasions when it is in her favour as compared with that assumed on occasions on which it has been against her would be unusual in its inconsistency, if the interests involved were not of so much importance that the matter can hardly be looked upon otherwise than seriously. International law is proverbially elastic, and certainly Russia may claim the credit of showing very distinctly the lengths to which it can be stretched. If there is one point which is clearly established by international practice, and which is accepted by all the authorities on international law, it is that the purpose for which articles no. in their nature contraband are designed is the test as to whether they can fairly be considered contraband. Warlike materials such as arms and ammunition are, of course contraband in their very nature. But there are a large number of articles which may or may not be used in the furtherance of war, such as foodstuffs, railway material, and the like. With regard to these, the test has always been whether they are directly sent to assist the forces in the field. In deciding this point, there is of course a very large loophole left to the discretion of Prize Courts, and on the whole they have been found to act with as much reasonableness as can be expected from people under the circumstances. But in all these cases, Russia

has not hesitated to interpret the law widely in her own favour, and has in more than one instance treated as contraband articles which are not so in themselves, and on some occasions has done so without giving an opportunity for the matter to be adjudicated by any Prize Court.

A writer in the *Spectator*, Mr. DE MONTMORANCY, sets forth the true bearing of the action of Russia in buying cruisers of such a character that they might either be used for merely mercantile purposes, or, should occasion arise, for war purposes. In this it is needless to say Russia has taken a very different stand to that which she adopted in regard to articles which might or might not according to circumstances be contraband, though the principle which governs both cases is essentially the same, namely the object for which the articles challenge are designed. The above named writer, after deprecating the fact that the Law Officers of the Crown have not advised that a protest be made, points out that the accepted rule is that merchant ships may be sold by a neutral to a belligerent Government despite the fact that at the time of sale it is well known by the vendors that these ships are delivered they will be converted into cruisers; but he goes on to state with justice that the test is not whether or not ships can be rapidly transformed into cruisers — as many merchant ships can — but whether their primary and original function was merchantile and nothing else. A ship to come within the rule above set forth "must not be capable of putting on or off at pleasure an original belligerent capacity; and if such ships are sold for belligerent purposes, it is impossible to say that they are not sold in their belligerent capacity." Russia, however, has even gone further than this by sending so-called volunteer vessels through the Bosphorus unarmed with the express object of arming them after they had passed; and, if we compare the attitude taken up by her in this matter with that which she has adopted as to ergoas as above explained, we can form some idea of the extent to which she is ready when it suits her to set all principles of international law at defiance.

The policy, however, of adopting such a position is as much open to question as its justifiability even under the greatest stress. If vessels of this kind described can be sold to Russia, they can also be sold to Japan — and it may be greatly doubted, therefore, whether in acting upon a principle radically wrong, Russia may not be opening a door some day to serious injury to herself. It is not difficult to conceive circumstances in which Russia might herself be deeply concerned in the opposite principle to that upon which she has acted being maintained — if indeed she is not in that position in respect to the present war. It is, of course, not easy absolutely to prove that a given vessel has been *ab initio* designed for possible warlike purposes. There are many easy ways of making vessels very handy stand-bys in case of war without its being apparent that they were from the first intended for this object; and upon this ground the position taken up by the Law Officers on the subject is comprehensible. In such cases the sale of the vessels could not be considered a breach of neutrality; but if from their character and construction there can be no doubt that they were from the first intended for warlike purposes, should occasion arise, there can hardly be a doubt that their sale to a belligerent amounts, as Mr. DE MONTMORANCY argues, to a breach of neutrality. It is to be hoped that the question will be made the subject of international conference, so that some understanding may be arrived at with regard to it.

Dr. Lello, the Colonial Secretary of Macao, from Macao, on a visit yesterday morning.

The Y.M.C.A. footballers on Thursday drew with a team from the C.P.R. s.s. *Empress of China*, each side scoring one goal.

At the Police Court yesterday morning before Mr. H. H. J. Gomperz, the Des Vœux Road fire inquiry, on the application of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. Halifax, was further adjourned for a week.

A Shanghai hotel published a poetical menu for its New Year Eve dinner. They made "heated" rhyme with "Ice-cream Neapolitan," "choice" with "la Nicie," and "Marechale" with "Pail." They somehow missed the opportunity to make "horn d'ouvre" rhyme with "improver."

We learn from the *Post* that there will be a theatrical performance to-night on board the Portuguese cruiser *Adamastor*, now in the harbour, in conjunction with the *Vasco da Gama* and the *Dia*. The piece selected is entitled "Saudeas da Patria." The entertainment is specially dedicated by the dramatic troupe of the fleet to the commanders, officers, petty officers, and the men of the three vessels.

Messrs. Guedes and Co. have sent us a useful Anglo-Chinese calendar for 1905 printed in green, purple and gold.

Last month a fire broke out at Shimonosaki, spread rapidly, and before it could be got under control had completely destroyed about 150 dwellings and involved about 60 other houses in almost complete ruin. The loss was roughly estimated at Yen 600,000.

Mr. Ernest D. Ilkell has kindly consented to deliver a lecture on "The Political Federation of the Empire" in the former Chamber of Commerce room, at the City Hall, on Wednesday. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Hon. Secretary, will preside. The "Odd Volumes" will engage in a discussion afterwards.

The following is the programme of music to be performed by the band of the Second Royal West Kent Regiment on the New Parade Ground on Monday next, the 9th January, 1905, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.:

Grand March . . . . . "Lorraine" . . . . . Ganno Overture to . . . . . "Die Zauberflöte" . . . . . Mozart Selection from "Three Little Maids" . . . . . Rubens Minueto . . . . . "Pantins Vivants" Le Nouvel Idyll . . . . . "Blumengeflüster" . . . . . Von Blou Song . . . . . "For All Eternity" . . . . . Masschoroni Selection from "Faust" . . . . . Gounod "God Save the King"

Work on the construction of the Japanese military railway from Seoul to Wiju (costing Y. 16,000,000) is progressing satisfactorily. The Seoul-Pingyang section is about complete, and the extension to Anju is expected to be finished this month. The line beyond Anju will take several months more to complete, and the authorities have now arranged to construct a temporary railway on this section for utilization by the Imperial Army until the normal line is laid down. The work on the branch line between Pingyang and Chinmappo has been taken in hand.

A Chinese foreman in the employ of the contracting firm of Sang Lee, while cycling on the Des Vœux Road came into collision with a tramecar on Thursday night when trying to avoid colliding with a jinrikisha. The bicyclist, which was a new one, was badly damaged and its rider was apparently seriously injured. Several of his teeth were broken, and he was picked up unconscious and taken to the Medical Hall. Some Europeans who had witnessed the occurrence obtained an ambulance to remove him to hospital, but the injured man's friends preferred to take him to his own home for treatment.

The *Tango-maru*, the largest shipowner constructed in Japan, was launched on December 12th from the Mitsubishi Ship Dockyard and Engine Works' yard at Tategami. Mr. R. Kondo, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, for whom the vessel has been built, and Mr. H. Shoda, General Manager of the Mitsubishi Company, were amongst those present. The vessel will have a gross tonnage of 7,536 tons. Her dimensions are as follows: —Length, 45 feet; breadth, 52 feet; and depth, 33 feet 6 inches. The engines are to be of 5,500 horse power and capable of a speed of 15 knots. She is intended to carry 60 first-class, 20 second-class, and 320 third-class passengers. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha had the steamer built for their Seattle line. It is expected that she will be ready for sea in February.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and officers, the band of the 11th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selections at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening—March . . . . . "Light of Foot" . . . . . Latann Overture . . . . . "Crown Diamond" . . . . . Aubert Selection . . . . . "Veronica" . . . . . Messenger Valse . . . . . "The Ch. vise" . . . . . Phelps Dance . . . . . "Of the Sun Flower" . . . . . Waller Selection . . . . . "Orchid" . . . . . Monckton "God Save the King"

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## TO-DAY'S GAMES.

C.S.C. v. A.O.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Civil Service C.C. against the Army Ordnance Club to-day, commencing at 2.15 p.m., sharp—Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. R. Witchell, F. T. Robins, R. H. Craig, P. T. Lamble, A. R. Raven, N. T. Jackman, H. Gidley, L. E. Brett, W. H. Woolley and W. E. Weiser.

CRAIGENGOWEE "A" v. POLICE "A."

The Craiggowen C. C. "A" team will play a friendly game with the Police "A" team on the Craiggowen ground this afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

H. K. C. C. "A" v. KOWLOON C. C.

The following will play for the Hongkong C. C. Reserves v. Kowloon C. C. to-day at 2 p.m.:—Messrs. A. McKenzie, E. A. Fowler, J. Hooper, G. E. Morell, C. A. Parker, A. Oliver, H. F. Falloon, F. H. Kew, P. R. Wolf, R. C. S. Waller and A. C. Butt (Capt.), Reserve—The Rev. H. R. Wells.

POLICE v. R.G.A.

The Police play a League match with the R.G.A.

FOOTBALL.

H.E.F.C. v. NAVY.

The H.E.F.C. Rugby men play the Navy at Happy Valley this afternoon. The Club team is as follows:—T. C. Gray, back; J. P. Jordan, J. Thomson, N. P. Dulley and Lieut. Hamay, three-quarters; J. Clarke and S. O. Elsie, halves; H. C. Sandford, E. R. Halifax, N. Boyd, R. O. Hutchinson, Lieut. Black, Lieut. Banking, D. B. Murray and H. F. Chard, forwards.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

## GENERAL NEWS.

## TWO BIG STEAMERS TO BE BUILT AT GLASGOW.

LONDON, 6th January.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has ordered two steamers of 14,500 tons each to be built at Glasgow.

## THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

## REVOLUTIONARY RUSSIA.

LONDON, 6th January.

Prince Troubetzkoi has addressed a letter to the Minister of the Interior, predicting a revolution. The situation is considered very serious.

## THE COWARD'S FATE.

LONDON, 6th January.

It is reported that Admiral Rozhestvensky's flagship has struck a rock, and sunk.

LATER.

The sinking of the "Kniazsuvaroff" is denied.

## BALTIC FLEET RECALLED.

LONDON, 6th January.

It is reported that the War Council at St. Petersburg decided to recall the Baltic Fleet; and to send 200,000 men to reinforce General Kropotkin's army.

[LETTER'S SERVICE.]

## THE UNITED STATES AND THE WAR.

LONDON, 4th January.

Various inspired suggestions in the direction of peace are emanating from Washington, representing the views of the American people. It appears that some eighty Filipinos—men, women and children—under the charge of a Mr. Pettit, are being returned to the Philippine Islands from the World's Fair at St. Louis. They are all berthed in the steerage, and on the night before mentioned, Pagain ran a knife into another Filipino named Apowen, who was lying in his bunk, killing him almost immediately. A Filipino named Sudong who was attracted by the dying cry of the murdered man, was met by Pagain, who promptly attacked him with his knife.

By this time the tumult became general and Pagain fled. He was last seen running along the deck forward, and it is believed he is amongst the ship's cargo. The ship is of immense size, and is carrying a cargo of 18,000 tons.

The matter was reported to the Police yesterday morning, and an Inspector Langley was engaged in Court, Chief Detective Inspector Hanson a Magistrate, and a search party went off. Mr. Hanson decided, with the aid of a number of cargo coolies, to search the various tunnelings and spaces between the cargo to hold one, two, three, and four from the bow to the middle of the ship.

Sudong being in a critical condition, Mr. Hazeland went off to ascertain if it were necessary to take his depositions. This, however, he deferred, as there is still hope of his recovery.

At seven o'clock last night Pagain was arrested at West Point, after having seriously injured a rickshaw coolie. It is surmised that while the search was going on for him on board he managed to reach the shore disguised in Chinese clothes. He landed at Connaught Road West near the French steamers' wharf and immediately charged a stand where several rickshaw coolies were stationed. Slashing his knife right and left amongst them, he drove it to the hilt in one unfortunate coolie's shoulder. He then ran it deep into his chest and cut him again on the arm. He was slashing furiously at a Chinese lukong who went to assist the coolie when a European appeared on the scene and knocked the knife out of his hand. The lukong arrested him and took him to the Central Police Station. The coolie was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in a state of collapse and no hope is held out for his recovery. The lukong also sustained some nasty wounds.

## SHOCKING TRAGEDY ON THE "ADAMASTOR."

A MIDSHIPMAN SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Senor Figueredo, a midshipman of the Portuguese cruiser *Adamastor*, shot himself on Friday morning. He has been described as a very good young man of twenty years, very well liked by all on board his ship; he appeared to be in the best of spirits. At about eleven o'clock in the morning a revolver report was heard coming from his cabin. On the door being opened he was found dead, a bullet having passed through his temple. No one really knows whether it was a case of suicide or an accident, but his friends think the latter.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral, a very impressive ceremony, took place yesterday. It was rendered unique though note the less solemn by the fact that no priest officiated. The clergy, in conformity with the custom of the Church of Rome, refused to officiate on account of there being doubt as to whether or not deceased had been guilty of suicide.

The Consul-General for Portugal obtained permission from the Colonial Secretary to land a firing party to fire the volleys.

The funeral party, consisting of officers and sailors from each of the Portuguese warships in port—the battleship *Vasco da Gama*, the cruiser *Adamastor*, and the gun-boat *Dia*—landed at the wharf opposite Blue Buildings at about one o'clock. The coffin was brought ashore on a cutter towed by the *Adamastor*'s pinnace, escorted by steam launches carrying officers and men. The captain of the *Adamastor* landed in his own cutter. The funeral proceeded to the Happy Valley Roman Catholic Cemetery in the following order:—small party of bluesjackets, the coffin on a gun-carriage accompanied by Consul-eiro Romano (in full dress uniform—cocked hat, etc.) and the captains of the respective ships, Vice-Consul Leiria and the seconds in command of the *Adamastor* and *Dia*, and finally a large body of bluesjackets. The coffin, beautifully carved, was covered with the Portuguese flag and many beautiful wreaths. In spite of the fierce rays of the sun all bared their heads on entering the Cemetery. The coffin was here carried by a number of non-commissioned officers. As it was lowered into the grave a firing party, consisting of thirty men, which remained in the street, sent off three volleys, the order having been given through a bugler. The grave was then filled in and the men dispersed.

## MURDER ON THE S.S. "TREMONT."

FILIPINO RUNS AMOK.

At 10 o'clock on Thursday night a Filipino named Pagain ran amok on the American steamer *Tremont*, killing one man and seriously injuring another. It appears that some eighty Filipinos—men, women and children—under the charge of a Mr. Pettit, are being returned to the Philippine Islands from the World's Fair at St. Louis. They are all berthed in the steerage, and on the night before mentioned, Pagain ran a knife into another Filipino named Apowen, who was lying in his bunk, killing him almost immediately. A Filipino named Sudong who was attracted by the dying cry of the murdered man, was met by Pagain, who promptly attacked him with his knife.

By this time the tumult became general and Pagain fled. He was last seen running along the deck forward, and it is believed he is amongst the ship's cargo. The ship is of immense size, and is carrying a cargo of 18,000 tons.

The matter was reported to the Police yesterday morning, and an Inspector Langley was engaged in Court, Chief Detective Inspector Hanson a Magistrate, and a search party went off. Mr. Hanson decided, with the aid of a number of cargo coolies, to search the various tunnelings and spaces between the cargo to hold one, two, three, and four from the bow to the middle of the

STEAM LAUNCH "WING LOI"  
IN COLLISION.

## DOCTOR'S BRAVERY RECOGNISED.

COXSWAIN TO BE COMMITTED TO THE SESSIONS.

At the Magistracy yesterday morning Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz continued the inquiry touching the death of a Chinese child, Fung Su, and a Chinese adult, Wong Tung Tsui, who met their deaths at the result of a collision between the steam launch *Wing Lai* and a sampan. The coxswain of the launch was indicted on a charge of manslaughter. Mr. Basil Taylor (Assistant Harbour Master) sat on the Bench with the Coroner. The jury (impanelled were)—Messrs. A. R. Fullerton (foreman), A. F. Osmond and Thos. Blair. Inspector Langley conducted the case on behalf of the Police, and Mr. E. J. Gris (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Gris) represented the owners of the launch.

Li Chi, wife of the master of the sampan deposed—*I was on board the sampan when the collision occurred on the 28th ultimo. We were coming from the s.s. Holdstein. I was rowing at the bow. My husband was steering. We had nine passengers on board; also three children. The launch *Wing Lai* ran up against our sampan from behind. I did not see it before it struck us. As it struck our sampan I fell into the water, and scrambled on board the *Wing Lai*. I do not know whether our sampan altered its course before we were struck.*

Wong Tim, a passenger, declared—*I was on board the sampan when we were run down by the *Wing Lai*. I did not see her until she ran into us. There was a steam launch in front of us. She was towing a boat. I identified the body of the fohi who was drowned, at the Yau-mati Mortuary.*

Wong Lai, another passenger, said—*I was in the sampan which was capsized. The sampan was under sail and the wind was blowing from east to west. I do not know whether the sampan altered her course before the collision, and cannot say how it occurred.*

Chung Po, a sailor on the *Wing Lai*, stated—*I was on board the *Wing Lai* on the 21st ultimo when the collision occurred. We were following the sampan. She altered her course when we were about 30 feet away. If the sampan had not altered her course we were going to pass her on her port side. When she altered her course our engines were reversed, and we ported the helm with the intention of going a-starboard. We could not, however, pass, and struck her on the stern. If she had kept straight on her course there would have been no accident.*

By the Coroner—*When we saw the sampan we were going at ordinary speed.*

By Inspector Langley—*When we saw the sampan we blew our whistle twice.*

By the Jury—*I saw a launch in tow in front of the sampan. If the sampan had not altered her course she would not have collided with that launch.*

The Coroner addressed the jury at length on the evidence. He said the launch was going very much faster than the sampan, and by the rules for the prevention of collisions at sea, it was the duty of the overtaking vessel to keep clear of the vessel in front. As a general rule the onus was upon the vessel coming up behind to prove that the collision was caused by the fault of the boat in front. It was for the jury to determine whether, if the sampan had altered her course, she would have got into the way of the launch had the launch kept a proper distance away. If the jury returned a verdict of culpable negligence against the coxswain of the launch, he would commit the defendant, after hearing what he had to say, to the Sessions. If they brought in a verdict of death by misadventure, the sampan people could, if they chose, seek redress in a civil action.

The jury found the collision causing the death of the two Chinese was due to culpable negligence on the part of the coxswain of the *Wing Lai*. They also wished to mention Dr. Forster's gallant behaviour in saving the lives of the children.

The Coroner said he would forward the recommendation, together with the evidence of Mr. Weston, second officer of the *Tetanus*, who saw the whole matter, to the Government.

## THE COXSWAIN'S CASE.

In the afternoon Mr. Gompertz heard the case of Wong Fung Tsui, coxswain of the steam launch *Wing Lai*, who was charged as follows:—*That you, by your culpable negligence, did bring about and compass the deaths of Fung Su, a child, and Wong Tung Tsui, Chinese adult.*

His Worship informed the accused that in consequence of the finding of the jury he would commit him for trial at the Criminal Sessions. He was then cautioned in the usual way and asked if he wished to make any statement.

Accused said he would reserve his statement until he was tried, but as he wished to call witnesses the case was adjourned until 2.15 p.m. on Monday.

## HOCKEY.

## HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB v. H.M.S.

## "HOPE."

The Hongkong Hockey Club played a team from H.M.S. *Hogue* on the Club's ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. After a most spirited contest the result was a win for the Club by one goal, which they managed to score just before time.

Result—Club, 3; H.M.S. *Hogue*, 2.

## CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the Cricket League table up to date (three points for a win; one for a draw)—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
A.O.C.	10	8	1	1	25
R.E.	11	5	3	3	18
Kowloon	7	5	2	0	15
H.K. Police	8	4	2	2	14
Craigengover	9	4	4	1	18
R.G.A. 83rd Co.	3	3	2	1	8
H.K.C.C. "A"	5	2	0	3	6
Civil Service	9	2	5	2	0
R.A.M.C.	11	2	9	0	0
Parsees	6	0	6	0	0

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB v. WEST KENTS.

This match took place on the Club's ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, when the Soldiers won by one goal. Both teams, with the exception of about two of the Kents, appeared on the field without club colours. As they were all in white, it was very embarrassing for the onlookers, and especially for the referee, to follow the course of the game. Teams were—

H.K.F.C.:—H. F. Kew, goal; G. E. Morell and F. Grose, back; H. C. Gray, Lieutenant G. B. Macdonald, and R. Macpherson, halves; T. Clarke, R. Hendreton, W. H. Williams (capt.), J. Clark, and C. Humphreys, forwards.

West Kents:—Watlin, goal; Thomson and Morris, backs; Hodman, Edwards and Hibbert, Burrows; Darrell, Colley, Sayer, Clements and Burrows, forwards.

The Kents started with a rush and tarried for some time before the Club's turn. The latter team then worked the ball along the field, and Macdonald, right in front, drove the leather at the goal. It was saved by the goalkeeper and footed well out into the field, and again got within the pale of the Club's stronghold. Sayer, the soldiers' centre forward, had a shot, but hit the post.

Half-time Club, 0; West Kents, 0.

The Club started off well in the second half, and were fighting hard in front of the Kents' goal when Thomson, the soldiers' right back, drove the ball out, and play was again transferred. It lingered in front of the Club's posts for some considerable time, but the soldiers' efforts to work the ball into the net were of no avail until well into the half, when from the mass in front, Darrell sent it past the goalkeeper.

Result: West Kents, 1; Club, 0.

## H.M.S. "ALBION" v. H.M.S. "GLORY."

This match was played on the naval ground. The *Albion* players had mostly their way and defeated the *Glory* by four goals.

Result: Albion, 4; Glory, 0.

## "ALI BABA."

The last (sixth) performance of *Ali Baba*, at the Catholic Union, will be given this evening. Latterly those taking the various parts have shown great improvement in their interpretation of this season. Two new dances were given for first time last night—a "donkey dance," in the first act; and a fantastic dance at the end of the second scene. Mr. M. J. Danenberg (as old-man Ali) was very good; Miss Ribeiro (Morganiana) danced and sang prettily. Mr. F. B. da Silva (Hassarac) is particularly good in the drama of the fourth act. The orchestral music, arranged and selected by Mr. Emil Danenberg, passed off very smoothly. Some of it was Mr. Danenberg's own composition. One of the characters asked the following riddle, having reference to dancing at the Club Lusitano being stopped for an hour on account of the noise of crackle-bang on New Year's Eve. Why was the Club Lusitano like Fort Arthur on New Year's Eve?

## THE KAISER'S CLEMENCY.

It is announced that Emperor William of Germany has decided to hereafter use the pardoning power liberally in cases of *lose majesté*. This is a radical departure from the previous practice. It heretofore had been practically unknown for the Emperor to pardon a person convicted of this offence. It is now stated that he intends to pardon almost without exception when the offender is shown to belong to the uneducated classes, or to be incapable of weighing the consequences of a hasty word.

Also offences committed during drunkenness or while in an excited condition, rendering deliberation impossible, will constitute the basis for pardon. The Emperor has directed the ministry of justice to deal liberally with all persons convicted of an insult to his Majesty who petition for pardon and show penitence. It is expected that the new practice will greatly reduce the number who will serve out sentences for this offence, since the impression is general that many offenders have been convicted in many cases through over-zealous State's attorney, and judges.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

## S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

January 8th: 1st Sunday after Epiphany.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)

(Matins 11 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Elvey; Psalms,

Purcell and Turle; Te Deum, Steffani in A;

Benedictus, Langdon in F; Hymns, 78, 488

and 81.

(Evening 5.45 p.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Psalms, Goss, Stainer and

Soper, Magnificat, Goss in A; Nunc Dimittis,

Foster in F; Hymns, 78, 393 and 488

Kyrie.

Evening Prayer.

Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis, Savage;

Hymns, 254, 432, 583, and 267.

The Church launch *Day-spring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the flag flying. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

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Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible Class.

Thursday, 7 p.m., General Meeting.

Saturday, 7 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

## REVIEWS.

## Guide to Bangkok. By J. ANTONIO.

Rangoon, Burma: International Buddhist Society. \$0.75.

The fourth number of this new publication has a timely article, and an excellent front-piece portrait of Sir Edwin Arnold, who is described as "one beloved to all Buddhists." He was the first honorary member of the society.

"For Arnold was a Buddhist, not alone in fact of life, but also in his own eyes and words. . . . it was always as 'we Buddhists' that he wrote to us, and all his life was but a living example of his creed." So tells us the editor, and if we are tempted sometimes to think that he was, like many more, more of a post than a Buddhist, we need not say so. Other articles in this very presentable review include an authoritative definition of the "Philosophy of Buddha" by Dr. Paul Carus; an equally authoritative account of the founding of *Lhasa*, by Sarat Chandra Das, the enterprising baba who was one of the few foreigners who actually penetrated that mysterious city prior to its recent invasion by our troops; and a thoughtful and impeccable essay on the aim of religion, by Mr. M'Kechnie of Rangoon, the superintendent of the society. In the editorial notes, there is a very proper protest against the description of the Russo-Japan War as war between Buddhism and Christianity, "for Buddhist and Christian alike are breaking the clear precepts of their respective faiths" by fighting at all.

## The Russo-Japan War. By THOMAS COWEN.

London: Edward Arnold. Fifteen shillings. Mr. Cowen and Mr. Arnold enjoy the distinction of having got out the first book about the war. It is a good book too, as those who have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Cowen and his work would expect.

He has had experience as war correspondent in at least two campaigns, and is a keen, shrewd observer of men and affairs. His narrative is embellished with a lot of excellent photographs and sketches. Mr. Cowen describes the circumstances leading up to the war, giving the point of view of both sides, tells of the opening stages of the fight, with their astonishing developments, and in the end, brings us up to the battle of Liseyang. During the course of his graphic narrative, he gives some interesting pictures of the Koreans, among whom his journalistic work has lately kept him. Mr. Cowen tells of a duel at Seoul between M. Pavloff and one of his staff, Count von Raven, which was new to us, although it was an open secret that at the crucial moment M. Pavloff's mind was more occupied with domestic than with State affairs.

## The Last Treasurer of Long Island. By COL. RICHARD HENRY SAVAGE.

London: George Bell & Sons.

This is a melodramatic story of the sea and of the American civil war. The bits about the seafarers and traders in Pacific waters are quite good. There is a great deal of love, jealousy, conspiracy, and murdering before the last of the three hundred and fifty pages is turned.

## The Rambler Doctor. By ELIZABETH ALEXANDER.

London: Edward Arnold.

This is a transparently truthful story, all about a conscientious parson and his really nice friends in his Irish parish. The anti-ritual troubles of the parson are not the only ones. There is a very sad affair involving a Noble Personage in the very cleverly suggested fate of a Bishop's daughter, who loved not wisely but too well. This is one of the rare kind of stories conscientiously rounded off by the author, with interest sustained and detail attended to, both as regards inclusion and exclusion. A delightful interlude is that afforded by the parson's visit to an amusing Irish matron who writes obituary poems in readiness for the demise of her friends and relations. The book ought to be very popular among all who like a really good novel. It is good both as a novel (work of art) and as a story to interest the reader apart from its style.

## Some Loves and a Life. A Study of a Neurotic Woman. By MRS. CAMPBELL PRAED.

London: George Bell & Sons.

Mrs. Praed has almost recovered the thrilling touch of "The Insane Root." In "Some Loves," we have a lot of impossible people who absolutely compel our interest. The swindling, coarse South African financier's neurotic wife loves a parson and an artist. Both return her unlawful passion with interest, but before anything dreadful of a social kind happens, they both get heartily sick of her neurotic ways, and the lady consoles herself with a hypodermic syringe. As if there were not sufficient material here to titillate the decadent moral devotee, the author introduces some of her special spiritualistic small beer, and describes the amorous embrace of the astral bodies of the parson and the lady.

"In my dream your spirit was very near to mine" said the parson. "Then suddenly it drew apart as if startled or shocked and the dream came to an end." "What time was that?" she asked, and seemed to whisper the question. "But no," she added, "don't tell me, I know. The clock was striking three."

He gave her a searching look. "How could you know?"

When the parson visits the lady later, in his physical body, there is a description of the love-making which—but there! Those who like this sort of novel know where it is to be had.

## Up from the Slums. By OWEN KILDARE.

London: George Bell & Sons.

This is stated to be the autobiography of a man born and bred in the Bowery district of New York, who could neither read nor write until he was quite thirty years of age. He was a most degraded character, until he met a little school teacher who turned his thoughts to study and reform. She died just before they were to be married, and he gives his book a sub-title in honour of her—"My Mamie Rose." Mr. Kildare writes very prettily, and no one would believe he had learned so late in life, unless they also believed the ultra-pious professions to which Mr. Kildare treats us. As Mr. Hall Caine has given the author the highest of literary praise, perhaps there is less need for us to do so.

## The Children of Endurance. By LUCAS CLEEEVE.

London: George Bell & Sons

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LEIGH & ORANGE, Hongkong, 1st January, 1905.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

MR. ARTHUR HENRY OUGH and Mr. ALFRED BRYER here This Day been admitted Partners in our Firm, which will continue to carry on business under the style of LEIGH and ORANGE.

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F. H. HAYNES,

H. M. Treasury Chest Officer.

His Majesty's Treasury Office,

Fletcher Street, Hongkong, 5th January, 1905.

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1904.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.**

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SHANGHAI	"HUEH"	On 7th January.
SHANGHAI	"WUHU"	On 7th January.
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MANILA	"TEAN"	On 10th January.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 11th January.
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1905.

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(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"TINGSANG"	Satur., 7th Jan., 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE and SOURABAYA	"AMARA"	Satur., 7th Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"HANGSANG"	Sun., 8th Jan., Daylight.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Wednes., 11th Jan., D'light.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Fri., 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1905.

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PURA NANG, German str., 1,021, F. v. Mangold, 2nd Jan.—Bangkok 28th Dec., General—

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STANLEY DOLLAR, British str., 1,870, J. Bruce, 3rd Jan.—Mojii 29th Dec., Coals—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

TAK-SANG, British str., 971, W. P. Baker, 3rd January—Chinkiang 29th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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TERMON, Amer. str., 6,195, T. S. Garlick, 5th January—Shanghai 2nd Jan., General—Doddwell & Co.

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Captain S. J. G. Parsons, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES

The *Ernest Simons* with the French Mail of the 9th Dec. left Singapore on Thursday the 5th inst. at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday the 12th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 5th November.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Wingchau	Saturday, 7th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Houmen	Saturday, 7th, 7.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Hanoi	Saturday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Saturday, 7th, 9.00 P.M.
Macao	Hwangchau	Saturday, 7th, 11.15 P.M.
Singapore and Sournbaya	Amaria	Saturday, 7th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tsingtao	Saturday, 7th, 2.00 P.M.
Friedrich Wilhelmshafen	Wittschau	Saturday, 7th, 3.00 P.M.
Matupi, Brisban and Sydney	Huapeh	Saturday, 7th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kowloon	Saturday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Sukatw and Bangkok	Tarchein	Saturday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Hofu	Saturday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Moji, Chinnanho and Durban	Cotterfield	Saturday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	M. Strive	Saturday, 7th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Hwangpung	Saturday, 7th, 8.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingchau	Sunday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Kowshan	Sunday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Amoy	Haitching	Sunday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Kengmoon and Kuchuk	Takking	Sunday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Namto	Taihun	Sunday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Santow	Hofu	Sunday, 8th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Wingchau	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Kowshan	Sunday, 9th, 11.00 A.M.
Meji, Koko, Yokohama and Portland Or	Tremont	Monday, 9th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Hwangshan	Monday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon	Purnam	Monday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Namto	Taihun	Monday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Santow	Hofu	Monday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Futshan	Monday, 9th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Lintas	Tuesday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Houmen	Wingchau	Tuesday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Europe, A.C., India via Tunicorin	Dumbea	Registration ... 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes by time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		

Macao	Hennashan	Letters ... 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wooning	Tuesday, 10th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Tuan	Tuesday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Eiger	Tuesday, 10th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Choueng	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Kinsan	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Kengmoon and Kuchuk	Takking	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Namto	Taihun	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Santow	Hofu	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchau	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth	Australian	Tuesday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchau	Wednesday, 11th, 7.30 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Empress of China	Printed Matter and Samples ... 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail, Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Registration ... 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.00 A.M.)

Macao	Heungshan	Letters ... 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	C. Appear	Wednesday, 11th, 1.15 P.M.
Cebu and Lilo	Kartong	Wednesday, 11th, 2.00 P.M.
Nantao	Tarchein	Wednesday, 11th, 3.00 P.M.
Santow	Hofu	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchau	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Namto	Hwangshan	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Santow	Taihun	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Hofu	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Rubi	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Denbighshire	Wednesday, 11th, 5.00 P.M.

## TO-DAY.

Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.  
Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lemire, 2.30 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

6th January.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1,111
	Bank Bills, on demand	1,111
	Bank Bills, at 20 days' sight	1,111
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1,111
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1,111
	Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	1,111
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	245
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	245
ON GERMANY.—		199
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	473
	Credits, 60 days' sight	483
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1451
	Bank, on demand	1451
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	1451
	Bank, on demand	1451
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	713
	Private, 30 days' sight	724
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	96
ON MANILA.—	On demand	94
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	1 p.c. pm.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	1173
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	1 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	Par.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	604
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate		819.15
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael		553.40
BAR SILVER, 60 oz.		271.5
OPIUM.		

27th December.

Quotations are:

A Allow to net, 1 cent.

Bala New \$1070 to \$1090 per piun

Bala Old \$1140 to \$1160

Bala Older \$1200 to \$1220

Bala V. Old \$1250 to \$1270

Per cent fine quality \$870 to —

Per cent extra fine \$800 to —

Pala New \$1150 to — per chold

Pala Old \$— to —

Perches New \$1105 to —

Barrel Old \$— to —

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, from San Francisco to the 13th Dec. via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, &c., on the 5th Jan., u.m.The P.M. steamer *Siberia*, from San Francisco to the 17th Dec. via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the 6th Jan., a.m., via Kobe, &c., and is due here on the 14th Jan.

## THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Ernest Simons* left Singapore on the 3d Jan., at 3 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Monday, the 26th Dec., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

## MERCHANT SHIPS.

The steamer *Centaur* left Chefoo on the 3d Jan., and is due here to-morrow.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 6th January.

COMPANY.	Paid up	Quotations
Banks—		
Hongkong & Sh'hai	\$125	\$710.
Natl. Bank of China	\$8	\$28, sales
B. Shares	\$8	\$28, sales
Foun. Shares	\$21	\$10.
Insurance—		
Union	\$100	\$690, buyers
China Traders'	\$25	\$85, buyers
North China	\$15	\$16.50, sellers
Yantze	\$10	\$150.
Canton	\$50	\$250.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$335, buyers
China Fire	\$60	\$191, sellers & buyers
Steamer Cos.—		
H. Canton and M.	\$10	\$271, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$15	\$117, buyers
China and Manilla	\$30	\$23, sellers
Bought Steamship	\$10	\$331, sales & buy.
Star Ferry	\$10	\$35, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co. ...	\$1	25s., ex div.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$225, sellers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$10, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnage	Per 250	\$490.
Rauta	Per 10	\$34, sellers
Docks Etc.—		
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$220, sellers
H. & W. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$112, buy. cum new
New Amy Dock	\$24	\$27, sellers issue
C. F. C. Boyd & Co.	Ths. 100	Ths. 1.5, ex div.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$146, sellers
Kowloon Land & B. West Point Building	\$50	\$69, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$50	\$24, sellers
Humphreys E. ...	\$10	\$12, sellers
Hongkong Land Inv.	Ths. 60	Ths. 25, buyers
International	Ths. 75	Ths. 26.
Laou Kong Mo.	Ths. 100	Ths. 15, sellers
Soychee	\$10	\$37, sellers
Hongkong		
Companies—		
Alhamra, Ltd.	\$500	\$10, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	125	\$2.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$40, buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$12	\$136, buyers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$92, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$8	\$15, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co.	\$20	\$93, sales & buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$5	\$9, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas.	\$100	\$256, sellers
H. L. Tramways	\$25	\$156.
Hongkong Ice	\$60	\$156.
Hongkong Kope	\$10	\$22, sellers
Hk. Steam Water-boat Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$20, sellers

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## THE BLACK RIBBON.

BY  
L. T. MEADE.

(Author of "A Woman in Grey," &amp;c.)

CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"I am about to expl'n everything," said the Professor in his most courteous tone. "We have asked you to come here, my friend, because in no other possible manner can you retain your liberty in this country. I had not the slightest wish that you should accompany me to Petersberg, and had no desire to find you a passenger on board the *Arcturus*. I went, on the contrary, to bring Helen Lumsdale from England, to fulfil the mission she had rowed to undertake, unarmoured and alone. You, contrary to the dictates of prudence, and in your loverlike and gallant fashion, decided to accompany her."

Delafield frowned and would have spoken, but Helen squirmed his hand.

"You are here, my friend Delafield, and you must take the consequences. We do not want you as a foe; we do not want you as a spy."

A growl came from a distant part of the room. It was as though a dozen people were about to let loose a passion of fury upon Delafield's devoted head. Olga stamped one of her feet.

"Silence, friends!" she cried. "Your interruptions are most unseemly."

Immediately there was a silence so great that the proverbial pin might have been heard to drop.

"You come against your will," continued Kristofski, and now you must stay, probably against your will. That is the only means by which you can escape the forfeit of your life."

"Of my life!" said Delafield, stepping forward. "And what do you mean by that, sir? I am an Englishman, and I will call on the good Count at Petersberg to protect me."

"You defy my nation when you say words of that sort to me. I have no doubt the Consul has good hearing, but his ears are not long enough to penetrate to this secret chamber beneath my Palace at Petershof," said Kristofski with a smile. "In short, my dear sir, you are in our power. We don't want to be cruel to you, we simply want to bind you to us, as this young lady is bound."

"Yes, Maurice, oh yes," whispered Helen, "you will do it for my sake."

Delafield turned and looked at her. It seemed to him then, in the midst of his danger—he knew well that he was in the gravest danger—that there was nothing in all the world that he had ever met, quite so beautiful as the faith and trust in her eyes. She believed both in him and in the cause she had adopted as her own.

"I will listen patiently for your sake," he said, and then he turned and faced Kristofski. "Speak, Professor. I am all attention."

"We ask you," said Kristofski, "to join our order. Helen Lumsdale is already a member. What we want is perhaps not so much, and not in one sense it is immense! All we want is your money—no it is great or little, but that is a secondary consideration—we want all your time, all your intellect, in short all your life."

Delafield drew himself up very erect.

"Anything more?" he asked, after a moment's pause.

Helen's tender hand clasped his arm. She longed to whisper—"Be careful!"

Rebecca Rawlinson had also fixed her eyes on his face. If ever eyes spoke hers did at that moment, and they seemed to convey the same message that could be read in Helen's eyes, only in a more intense degree. For a wonder Olga was so intently looking at Delafield himself, so eagerly devouring each emotion on his face, that she did not notice Rebecca. Olga's heart had been stirred as it had never been stirred before.

"I will win that man," she said to herself. "He shall be mine." Helen shuddered. "She shall give him up."

She came forward now and spoke softly.

"We must persuade you for your own good," she said. "There is nothing so very terrible in what we ask. My father has the cause of the oppressed of Russia at his heart. He has so long been anxious to release the prisoners, to cut off the fetters from the slaves, that he forgets himself at times. What we ask of you is simply that you should be in position to help Helen Lumsdale in her own trying hours of novitiate. In short that you should put yourself in such a position that, in a few days you may be able to make her wife. You can then protect her and at the same time do us good."

"Is it true that you would marry me, Helen?" said Delafield, and he turned and gave her a look which made Olga feel inclined to kill Helen on the spot.

"They all say that I may marry you if you will embrace the tenets of our Order," she said. "And those?"

"I will read you the rules for the novitiate," said Kristofski, coming forward at that moment. "Or rather, Count Sacri will read them to you. Count Sacri, it is your turn to speak to this young man. Will you tell him what is required of him?"

Count Sacri, with the inimitable grace which always characterized him, now walked down the length of the room and stood opposite to Delafield.

"Our aim and object is to liberate Russia," he said at once. "We don't care for the existing government. We want perhaps a Monarchy, perhaps a Republic, with laws of our own. We seek liberty for the poor man, and we seek that justice should be done to rich and poor alike. There are many orders in this land for the promotion of such needs. We who belong to these separate orders all adhere to one thing, to defy the secret police of Russia, and to take the consequences should arrest or imprisonment be our portion. All we ask of you, Maurice Delafield, is that you will take our vow, which will be fully explained to you by one of our special craft, within the next three days, and under no circumstances, not even under the most deadly torture, will you reveal the fact that you know a single one of our secrets, for the principal vow of the members of the Legion of the Black Ribbon is that they keep secret from all the rest of the world the fact that they belong to this most secret of all secret societies."

"And if I refuse?" said Maurice Delafield.

"I am an Englishman. What if I refuse?"

"Then I am afraid, my man—it is scarcely a pleasant thing to have to tell you," said Kristofski, "but if you refuse we are under the unpleasant necessity of killing you."

Delafield felt himself turning white.

"That would be only in a very extreme case," said Olga, speaking in that low melodious voice which seemed to have been born within her breast that evening.

Rebecca Rawlinson came a step nearer. It was her turn now to fix her eyes on Olga's face, and this time Olga met her gaze.

"The remote possibility of death is a mistake," said Kristofski. "If Maurice Delafield refuses to take the necessary vows to-night, he will die before the morning."

"But I thought you had another alternative," said Olga, turning to her father and trembling very much.

"I resign that on the spot," said Kri tofski. "It is too troublesome. The other is so easy. You understand that I allude to the dropping of the pebble."

Olga turned perceptibly white.

"You will take the vows," she said, looking at Delafield.

"They moan—oh golden things," said Count Sacri. "To begin with, a marriage ceremony, and the uniting in the bonds of Holy Matrimony to the most beautiful and noble lady Russia has ever seen."

Hera he bowed to Helen, who half fainted, was now leaning up against Delafield.

"Help me, save me," she said in a whisper in his ear. "You cannot leave me here. You can't die and leave me now that you have come. You can't leave me."

"I can't take those vows, dearest, for to me they mean dishonour," he said.

"We wait for your answer, sir," said Kristofski, interrupting the whispered conversation between the two.

"Then I am very sorry to seem impolite, but under the circumstances there is nothing whatever for me to do but to accept the latter alternative," said Delafield.

"You mean that you will die?" said Olga, and she came a step nearer, admiration and passion gleaming in her eyes. "You are indeed brave. You mean that you will die?"

"Surely that is the alternative."

"It is."

There was a murmur of low voices in the room, and men and women came up close and surrounded Delafield.

"Is this your unalterable decision?" said Kristofski.

"It is, sir. I refuse to take the vows. But may I have one word alone with this lady?" He touched Helen on the arm.

"Yes, yes," said Olga. "You will die in two hours, sir, unless indeed you think it well to change your mind in the meantime. There is a room where you and Miss Lumsdale can consult together alone. We give you exactly three-quarters of an hour. At the end of that time if you have not made up your mind to join our Order, you face the alternative."

"Come, Helen, be a true Englishwoman," said Delafield, glancing at her with a proud eyes.

"I never could, never woud brook dishonour."

He led her through the open doorway, the door closed softly behind them. They were alone in a small room off the principal secret chamber of the Order of the Black Ribbon.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Helen and Delafield had not been three minutes alone before the door was opened and Rebecca Rawlinson came in. She came towards them with the swift and noiseless tread which characterised her in moments of great excitement.

"Dr. Delafield," she said, speaking in English, and in a low rapid voice, "there is not a moment to lose. I am determined to save you. You saved my life. In return I will save yours."

"There is a way in which I believe I can do it. You must give me the possession of that drug which you used on board the *Arcturus* when you brought me back to life."

"That drug!" said Delafield starting.

"You have some more of it, have you not?"

"Yes, I have some in my medicine chest."

"I want some of it immediately. Where is your medicine chest? Your life is counted by minutes, so quick in replying."

Delafield told her where she could lay her hand on it.

"But the drug is very deadly," he said.

"One drop too much of it means death. I will not save my life by killing another."

"Do you understand?"

"I do not want you to. There will be no murder committed. But give me the use of your medicine chest. I have got no drug so potent in my pharmacopoeia, although I have no mean knowledge of medicine for a woman who has never been certified as a physician."

"You will find the medicine chest where I have told you," replied Delafield at once. "The bottle that you seek is marked with three crosses on the label round the neck. Three drops in a wine-glass of water is an ordinary dose, but there is the possibility of using even four drops. The medicine is giving to the ordinary patient, slowly at intervals of a quarter of an hour each. Am I doing right in enacting you with this?"

"You are; and now be prepared, both of you. I shall be back again before the three-quarters of an hour are up. If by any chance I am prevented, have no fear, Maurice Delafield. If you are still unwilling to give me the drug, then that young lady whom they call Lumsdale, the girl whom they want to marry Maurice Delafield—I could love her, I want her, and I mean to have her. Sacri has very seldom been refused his earnest wishes, and my present wish is to secure Helen Lumsdale to be my wife, her fortune to be my fortune, and she and I to take the lead in the Society of the Black Ribbon. You see I can."

"I will win that man," she said to herself.

"He shall be mine." Helen shuddered.

"She shall give him up."

She came forward now and spoke softly.

"We must persuade you for your own good," she said. "There is nothing so very terrible in what we ask. My father has the cause of the oppressed of Russia at his heart. He has so long been anxious to release the prisoners, to cut off the fetters from the slaves, that he forgets himself at times. What we ask of you is simply that you should be in position to help Helen Lumsdale in her own trying hours of novitiate. In short that you should put yourself in such a position that, in a few days you may be able to make her wife. You can then protect her and at the same time do us good."

"Is it true that you would marry me, Helen?" said Delafield, and he turned and gave her a look which made Olga feel inclined to kill Helen on the spot.

"They all say that I may marry you if you will embrace the tenets of our Order," she said. "And those?"

"I will read you the rules for the novitiate," said Kristofski, coming forward at that moment.

"Or rather, Count Sacri will read them to you.

Count Sacri, it is your turn to speak to this young man. Will you tell him what is required of him?"

Count Sacri, with the inimitable grace which always characterized him, now walked down the length of the room and stood opposite to Delafield.

"Our aim and object is to liberate Russia," he said at once. "We don't care for the existing government. We want perhaps a Monarchy, perhaps a Republic, with laws of our own. We seek liberty for the poor man, and we seek that justice should be done to rich and poor alike. There are many orders in this land for the promotion of such needs. We who belong to these separate orders all adhere to one thing, to defy the secret police of Russia, and to take the consequences should arrest or imprisonment be our portion. All we ask of you, Maurice Delafield, is that you will take our vow, which will be fully explained to you by one of our special craft, within the next three days, and under no circumstances, not even under the most deadly torture, will you reveal the fact that you know a single one of our secrets, for the principal vow of the members of the Legion of the Black Ribbon is that they keep secret from all the rest of the world the fact that they belong to this most secret of all secret societies."

"And if I refuse?" said Maurice Delafield.

"I am an Englishman. What if I refuse?"

"Then I am afraid, my man—it is scarcely a pleasant thing to have to tell you," said Kristofski, "but if you refuse we are under the unpleasant necessity of killing you."

Delafield felt himself turning white.

"That would be only in a very extreme case," said Olga, speaking in that low melodious voice which seemed to have been born within her breast that evening.

Rebecca Rawlinson came a step nearer. It was her turn now to fix her eyes on Olga's face, and this time Olga met her gaze.

"The remote possibility of death is a mistake," said Kristofski. "If Maurice Delafield refuses to take the necessary vows to-night, he will die before the morning."

for a life. Yes, my son and Helen's son shall have no mercy at my hands."

A fierce fire burned in his eyes. His father had been soldiers and had fought for their country, and Delafield now had the soldier's ardour in his breast.

"Helen, dear," he said, "you made a mistake. There is no time to talk of that. You joined a cause which you thought pure and good and high. Oh, there are the oppressed, the prisoners, and those who suffer, but we cannot save them by means such as Olga Kristofski employs. My darling, without staining my honour. I yet will save you. You must just trust yourself to me and be satisfied to be a weak woman for once."

"I believe," said Rawlinson, raising cold, glittering eyes like two pieces of steel to Count Sacri's face, "that beyond doubt, Maurice Delafield, being an Englishman, will be true to his country. He loves Helen Lumsdale, but to quote a certain old song, he loves honour more, and to him it would be dishonour to join the Society of the Black Ribbon."

"Ha!" said Count Sacri, "is that indeed the case?" Then he will die, and Helen will be free. I could marry her within twenty-four hours.

"You must manage your own love affairs, Count. They have nothing to do with me. I am only anxious to know what will be the immediate fate of the Englishman."

"What do you propose, Rawlinson? You have always been our best adviser."

"I propose that you should become his executioner."

"Indeed! And why?"

"It seems worth it to secure the fair Helen. I would take you to her immediately afterwards if you will only do just what I require."

"Will you indeed? And do you think she will yield to my entreaties?"

"Fear makes a woman do a good deal. She will probably be forced to make the best of a bad job."

"Ha! ha! You are not too flattering."

"In a moment like this, Count, one must speak the truth."

"And I don't really mind how I get her, as long as I do get her," said the Count.

Rawlinson could scarcely restrain the laugh which rose to his lips.

"You are a very bold man, Count," said he. "For you are engaged to another woman, an Englishwoman too, and she is fair and good and kind. Too good, too, for you, Count Sacri."

"Too good for me!" laughed the count. "You say very bold things, Rebecca."

"I do to you, Count, for I have no fear of you," answered Rebecca.

"I believe you," replied the Count with a short laugh. "But all the same you are in my power."

"And you are in mine," she retorted. "We are each in the power of the other, we who belong to the Order of the Black Ribbon."

"Yes," muttered the Count between his teeth. "I could have joined a bigger Secret Society, bolder, less feeble. We are always shifting our tactics. We are never sure of ourselves. We are great, but we are not great enough."

Olga is great enough to be at the head of the most terrible society on earth," was Rebecca's response.

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